

BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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REGULATORY AUTH.
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In re:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Tariff)
To Offer Residential Customers a New Toll)
Optional Calling Plan to Provide 25 Cent Calls)

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Docket No. 98-00307

MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.

COMES NOW Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint"), pursuant to T.C.A. Sec. 4-5-310, and hereby petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") for leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned tariff proposed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). In support of this Motion, Sprint states as follows:

1. Sprint is authorized to provide interexchange and competitive local exchange service in the State of Tennessee.


2. Sprint's ability to offer intraLATA toll service and local exchange service in competition with BellSouth will be directly impacted by the tariff proposed in the above-stated Docket. BellSouth's tariff in Docket No. 98-00307 proposes to offer residential customers a new toll optional calling plan in which customers are charged a monthly fee of \$4.95 and \$.25 for each eligible intrastate intraLATA toll call. Mileage distances and length of call do not generally affect the rate charged. Wholesale

customers are charged access to the retail customer on a per minute of use basis rather than the flat rate option proposed here and creates an obvious opportunity for discrimination among BellSouth's customers. Accordingly, as a wholesale customer of BellSouth, Sprint's substantial interests will necessarily be affected by the Commission's determinations in this proceeding.

3. Accordingly, Sprint requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate fully as a party in this Docket. Sprint's participation will allow it to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Authority in considering the potential impact of the BellSouth proposal. Sprint's intervention and participation as a party will not delay or in any way hinder the handling of this Docket.

WHEREFORE, in view of the foregoing, Sprint respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate fully as a party of record.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of February, 1999.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the Motion to Intervene of Sprint Communications Company L.P. in Docket No. 98-00307 has been served by United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid upon the following:

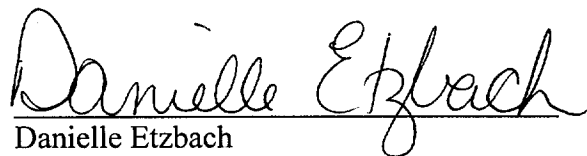
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This 10th day of February, 1999.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Etzbach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Danielle" is written with a large, looped 'D' and the last name "Etzbach" is written with a large, looped 'E'.

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